THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Interests of Wildlife

534. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the decisions taken to protect and reconcile the interests of Wild life with the rights of the tribals in the context of the Scheduled Tribes (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill; and

(b) the follow-up action taken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Scheduled Tribes (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill has been formulated by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The Bill is still in the draft stage and no final decision has been taken.

Proposal for Development of Forests in UP

†535. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted any project proposal to the Central Government for development of forests in the state;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to approve these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details are as under:-

(i) **Soil and Moisture Conservation, works in Ravine Dominated districts of U.P.:-** The project proposal was returned by Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of